

10 SILOS BUILT; 20 ACRES TILED DURING THE YEAR

Those Most Important Improvements Noted in Farm Bureau Report

BIG FARMING ADVANCE

Foundation of Good Flocks Were Laid by Number of Farmers.

Interesting figures are gleaned from the annual report of County Agent H. L. Smith, which was made this afternoon at the final meeting of the Marion County Farm Bureau for the present year at the court house, is the last report that Mr. Smith will submit, as he has relinquished these duties and will resume his activities on the farm in Berkeley county.

After the report is submitted here it is forwarded to West Virginia University at Morgantown and from there it will be sent to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., to be incorporated in the annual farm statistics.

The report is as follows: Number of members, January 1, 1917, 318; number of members, December 31, 1917, 386; increase in membership during the year, 68; meeting of members and directors during the year, 4; dues not yet collected, \$284; obligations to December 31, \$300.

Supplies purchased by Farm Bureau and used on Marion county farms, 256 tons of acid phosphate; 100 tons of burnt lime; 120 ground lime stone; one carload of drain tile, (8,000 feet).

Soil improvement work—Twenty acres of land has been tile drained on seven farms; 80 acres of land on twenty farms has been treated with stable manure saved in a proper manner by taking it direct from stables to the field; 2,200 acres on 150 farms have received liberal applications of acid phosphate to insure maximum crops thereon. In the growing of cover crops sixty acres of crimson clover, 25 acres of hairy vetch and 100 acres of rye were grown to be ploughed under, but owing to the scarcity of cereal crops most of this rye was harvested. There were 250 acres treated with burnt lime and 250 treated with pulverized limestone.

Crop Demonstration—There were twelve corn demonstrations, which yielded 54 1/2 bushels of shelled corn to the acre; there were nine alfalfa demonstrations, which averaged 2 1/2 tons of alfalfa hay to the acre, there were twelve soy bean demonstrations, which yielded 1 1/2 tons to the acre; there were five meadow demonstrations, which yielded 2 tons of mixed hay per acre; there were two wheat demonstrations, which averaged 30 bushels to the acre.

Value of Increased Crop Production—Due to the use of demonstration methods the increase value of crops on these farms amounts to \$4,623, based on market prices.

War Appeals Increase Acreage—The following increases have been estimated in the acreage of Marion county due to government appeals for more food because of the war: Corn, 130 acres, 30,000 bushels; potatoes, 500 acres, 5,000 bushels; soup beans, 100 acres, 1,200 bushels; garden trucks, 1,500 acres, (including war gardens); wheat, 500 acres, 7,500 bushels; buckwheat, 500 acres, 7,500 bushels. Live Stock Husbandry—Sixteen new silos were built during the year, which have a capacity of 800 tons. Several dozen farmers kept the best of their ewe lambs for breeding purposes despite the tempting prices that were offered to them. This is a step in the right direction and is the foundation of a good flock. One herd of pure Holstein dairy cattle is being developed by Carter Bros., in Winfield district, near Mt. Harmony, who now have one fine pure bred bull, six head of cows and a number of calves.

Boys' Club Work—Six corn club members finished with a yield of 68

bushels per acre. Fifteen potato club members finished with an average yield of 29 bushels on one-eighth acre plots. Seven poultry club members and four pig club members averaged 30 each for their work.

FARM AGENT SMITH WINDS UP HIS WORK

May Probably Return for a Few Days to Help New Man.

After winding up his work at this afternoon's meeting of the Marion County Farm Bureau at the court house Harry Lott Smith relinquished his duties as county agent and leaves this evening for Martinsburg, W. Va., where he will take up residence. He will spend the Christmas holidays among relatives and possibly will return to Fairmont for a few days to straighten out a few matters and break-in a new man, but aside from that his work here has been wound up.

Mr. Smith, who is a practical farmer, is a native of Berkeley county, and came here on March 1, 1914, to become the first farm agent of Marion county under the direction of the farm bureau. To say that he made good is putting it mildly, for aside from the success that crowned his effort he has acquired an exceptionally large circle of friends that stretch from one end of the county to the other. Without exception all are sorry to see him leave these parts. While here he was a prominent member of the Presbyterian church and Commissioner Smith's Bible class.

Since Mr. Smith came here he has noticed a considerable increase in small fruits; planting of orchards; additional truck crops; more silos and substantial gains along live stock raising.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their future home with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. J. B. Small, near Martinsburg. Mr. Smith also will assist his father on his farm. Mrs. Smith and child have gone ahead to her home and their belongings have been shipped for fully a week.

Mr. Smith's successor will be selected by State Farm Agent, Frame or at least he will pass upon his fitness before assigning his man. The farm bureau will then have to ratify the choice made.

Deeds Recorded—Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon these deeds were recorded by A. G. Martin, county clerk: O. J. Fleming et ux. to M. W. Ogden, six lots in Edgway additional to the city of Fairmont; \$5 (deed of trust); Alva Williamson, of Grafton, to O. J. Fleming et ux. lot in Edgway addition in the city of Fairmont; \$5; Maggie Miles et vir. to Alex. R. Watson, parcel of land in Winfield district, \$1.

GOVERNMENT TAKES THE STEEL OUTPUT

Railroad Tie Up Making Trouble According to Dun's Report.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 22.—R. G. Dun and Co.'s review of the iron and steel market this week says that the heavy requirements of the government represents the bulk of specifications, running in some departments close to the entire output when the indirect orders are included. Maximum efforts are being made to take care of these needs but the industry continues to face serious drawbacks in the form of short supplies of fuel and essential materials.

Market activity in pig iron and steel is limited by the tonnage scarcity, as but little surplus iron or steel is available. The announced prices rule. Production of pig iron has been kept down by the irregular coke supply and over the holiday period there is not likely to be much improvement in this respect. River shipments of fuel in the Monongahela Valley have helped some, but shipments being increased with difficulty. The freight situation, also, has seriously interfered with the free

A NERVOUS WRECK

From Three Years' Suffering. Says Cardui Made Her Well.

Texas City, Tex.—In an interesting statement, Mrs. G. H. Schill, of this town, says: "For three years I suffered untold agony with my head. I was unable to do any of my work."

I just wanted to sleep all the time, for that was the only ease I could get, when I was asleep. I became a nervous wreck just from the awful suffering with my head.

I was so nervous that the least noise would make me jump out of my bed. I had no energy, and was unable to do anything. My son, a young boy, had to do all my household duties.

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development of the market in old materials, though the shortage in pig iron has brought some prices firmly to the stabilized quotations. Sales have been reported of heavy melting steel of \$30 and machine shop turnings at \$20 Pittsburgh district. Finishing mills in most lines are engaged well ahead, new business being reported of a special character in a considerable degree. Tin plate on export orders is being negotiated and in both this line and sheets the capacity over the first half is mainly covered. Shops turning out fabricated shapes are receiving substantial orders, though ordinary commercial requirements are in restricted volume. As shown in the slight falling off in unfilled tonnage with the leading producer actual contracts are running close to production, much of this new business being brought forward by the war.

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Just One More Day in Which to Remember Your Friends

Who have you forgotten? Check over the list carefully and see if all your remembrances have been bought. If they have not, don't hurry all over town Monday, but read down over this list; there's a handsome gift here that will please anyone, and you can do more shopping right here in five minutes than you can do on the street in two hours. Try it.

Here Are Toys for the Children

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| Little Washing Machines | All kinds animals |
| Collapsible Doll Carts | Lighting Guider Sleds |
| Unbreakable Dolls | Hobby Horses |
| Kewpie Dolls | Wheelbarrows |
| Talking Mama Dolls | Kon struct it sets |
| Doll Houses | Manual Training sets |
| Toy Trunks | American Hunter, a gun game |
| Writing Desks | Daisy Al. Rifles |
| Toy Dishes | American defense, war game |
| All kinds of games | Ten Pin Sets |
| Character Dolls | Pitchem—Ruber horse shoes |
| Mechanical Dolls | Auto Trucks |
| Toy Planes | Alphabet Blocks |
| Toy Stoves | Builder Blocks |
| Music Boxes | Electric Elevators |
| Parchesi | Erectors |
| Noah's Ark | Toy Typewriters |
| Circus Sets | Drums |
| | Velocipedes and Tricycles |

For Home and Mother

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| Pyrex Casseroles | Fancy Jardiniere |
| Pyrex Baking Dishes | Steam Cookers |
| Aluminum Roasters | Aluminum Tea Pots |
| Aluminum Percolators | Aluminum Coffee Pots |
| Aluminum Dish Pans | Aluminum Sauce Pans |
| Guernsey Ware Baking Dishes | Guernsey Ware Casseroles |
| Crumb Trays | Salt and Pepper Sets |
| Gas Irons | Electric Toasters |
| Electric Grills | Electric Irons |
| Electric Hair Curlers | Electric Chaffing Dishes |
| Carpet Sweepers | Hoover Vacuum Sweepers |
| Food Choppers | Carving Sets |
| Manicure Sets | Scissors Sets |
| Gas Lamps | Electric Lamps |
| Community Silver | Corboration Sharpening stones |

For Men Folks Young and Old

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| Parker Fountain Pens | Shur Edge Penknives |
| Durham Duplex Razors | Gillette Safety Razors |
| Fine Tool Sets | Lunch Boxes |
| Thermos Bottles | Ingersoll Watches |
| Golf Club Bags | Athletic Hose |
| Athletic Shoes | Bicycles |
| Razor Straps and Hones | Flash Lights |
| Klaxon Horns | Auto Wrench Sets |
| Winchester Rifles | Basket Ball Shoes |

Late shoppers will find hundreds of other articles here equally appropriate for Christmas. We will remain open Monday evening for the benefit of those who cannot shop during the day.

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